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CONNELLVILLE, PA., FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1909.

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BALDWIN AUTOMOBILE WORKS SOLD; TO MANUFACTURE BRAKE SHOES.

American Brake Shoe Company Purchases the Buildings
and Property From Owen Murphy for \$30,000.

DEAL WAS CLOSED YESTERDAY

Plant Will Employ 40 Men at Start
and This Number Will Be Increased
as Things Are Shaped Up—Large
Payment Made to Blind the Deal.

Another industry is promised South Connellsville with the closing of a deal for the sale of the old Baldwin Automobile works yesterday afternoon. Owen Murphy, who purchased it at a receivers' sale March 11, 1908, yesterday disposed of it to the American Brake Shoe Company for \$30,000.

The deal has been pending for several days and was carried through by J. L. Cohan of Washington, Pa. Mr. Cohan left for his home last evening to spend the Christmas holidays. The history of the plant which adjoins the property of the Humbert Tin Plate Company is interesting.

It consists of nine buildings, and has an acreage of nine and a half acres. All the buildings are substantial ones, constructed of good material suitable for manufacturing purposes. The buildings were originally built for the Slaymaker-Barry lock works, and after this failed the Baldwin Automobile Company took hold of the plant. This was in 1900. In 1902 the property was turned over to George Humbert as receiver and after his death it went into the hands of Josiah B. Kurtz, who on March 11, 1908, sold it to Owen Murphy for a cash consideration, aggregating \$5,600.

The sale included all materials in the shop, all the buildings with a reservation of about two acres of ground. Mr. Cohan, representing his company purchased all the property with the reservation of a small strip of land.

The terms of the sale are rather unique. The owner has been paid a cash consideration of \$5,000 and is to take bonds and notes for the balance of the \$5,600. He is also to have a first mortgage upon the property so that the venture if a failure will return to him the property taken.

The object of the company is to manufacture brake shoes for railroad and street cars. It is claimed that by a special process that brake shoes for cars of a superior quality can be manufactured by the process to be installed at South Connellsville. At the present time the railroad officials say that cars average eight brake shoes to a car in continuous operation on the roads in Western Pennsylvania and for the especially constructed shoes to be made at South Connellsville it is claimed this maximum can be reduced.

Mr. Cohan and Mr. Murphy were non-committal about the details of the deal, but both remarked that the deal had been closed. Mr. Murphy was loud in his praise for the work that the Chamber of Commerce has done. He said that through its efforts he had secured a buyer for the plant and that it is credit was due.

It is understood that the plant will be placed in shape immediately and that work will start early in January in the manufacture of the brake shoes. At the start about 40 men will be employed and this number will be constantly increased.

WEIMER DISCHARGED ON AN ARSON CHARGE

Had Been Accused of Participating in
Burning of a Saw Mill.

Special to The Courier.
MEYERSDALE, Dec. 24.—The hearing of Wells Creek Lumber Company charging Calvin Weimer with having burned the saw mill, located in Larimer township, on the night of November 11th, was held at the office of Justice of the Peace Wm. H. Hays of this place, this afternoon. Attorney Clarence L. Shaver of Somerset, appeared for the defendant, while the prosecution was not represented by an attorney.

A number of witnesses were examined, but about all the plaintiffs were basing their hopes for conviction upon the fact that a pair of bloodhounds from Fairmont, W. Va., had followed a truck to the home of the defendant. At the conclusion of the hearing Justice Hays held that insufficient evidence was produced to warrant the holding of the accused and he was discharged.

Died of Pleurisy Poisoning.
CONFLUENCE, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Newton Greer aged 50 years, Constable of this borough, died this morning after a two weeks' illness, caused by poisoning from eating canned salmon. He leaves a wife and seven children.

Seven are Dead; Christmas Tree Cause of Fire.

United Press Telegram.
NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Guitana DeGerbo, his wife, three children and three boarders were burned to death today in their home in Hillvale village as the result of a Christmas tree fire. Neighbors tell how DeGerbo brought the tree home last night, smothering it into the front room while the children were in the room.

After supper the father and mother brought candles and decorations and warned the children, who were in bed, not to look. Late at night neighbors saw a light burning in the front of the house and supposed the children had gotten up to see the tree lighted. Shortly after 1 o'clock fire broke out. The house was completely destroyed. DeGerbo, his family and boarders are missing and the authorities are confident their bodies are in the ruins.

HIGH PRICES ASKE D FOR CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

Thirty Cents Live and 35 Cents Dressed
the Prices Being Quoted in
Connellsville.

The "ultimate consumer" is making an awful kick against the price of turkeys and chickens this year. The supply is very limited, principally because the butchers are staying off the market this year, and prices have soared to heights never before attained. The prevailing price for turkeys today is 30 cents a pound, live, and 35 cents dressed. Even chickens, which have been as plentiful as usual, have gone up in price. As high as 25 cents a pound is being charged for dressed chickens.

It is reported on good authority that the reason of the reported high prices prevailing in the mountains for turkeys is because the merchants refuse to pay an advanced figure. Embargoes of local merchants are reported to have visited Springfield township recently, offering 12 cents a pound, live weight, and refusing to pay more.

Chickens are selling for 20 and 21 cents, dressed, in Pittsburgh, but Connellsville butchers that by several cents. Dressed turkeys are quoted at 27 and 30 cents. It is reported that sales have been made here where 40 cents a pound was charged for a dressed turkey.

DISCOVERS HOME OF MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP

Newspaper Correspondent Gets Sight
of Long Shed and is Arrested
For Trespass.

United Press Telegram.
WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 24.—Scouring the country about here yesterday, a United Press correspondent has discovered what he believes to be the home of the mysterious airship which has been gliding about night of late. It is believed to be the Tillington airship. It was discovered in a shed 100 feet long on an old estate. Fourteen men, employees of Paul B. Morgan, are engaged in some secret work there. The correspondent was discovered and arrested for trespass.

Morgan is known to be interested in airships. This is the only clue to the aeroplane. Only townspeople have seen the air craft sailing about in the night, throwing a searchlight on the village. The machine flies perfectly, they say.

Walkers Tillington, refuses to make a statement but when the time comes he says he will make it known.

HOMAGE TO SULLIVAN.

Thousands at Funeral of "Little Tim"
on New York's East Side.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Bowery bums, Wall street financiers and representatives of every walk of life crowded the East Side today to pay a last honor to "Little Tim" Sullivan.

Thousands packed the streets blocks from the house along the route taken by the funeral procession to the church. Colored Preacher in Trouble.
Rev. M. A. Hunter, pastor of a colored church at Brownsville, is in trouble, being arrested on a serious charge Thursday, made by a girl of his congregation.

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS IN FULL SWING.

Stores Jammed With Belated Shoppers While Postoffice and Express Headquarters Are
Flooded With Holiday Packages.

The usual day before Christmas rush is on with a vengeance. The stores are crowded with shoppers who waited until the last minute to make their purchases and it is predicted that this evening the crest of the flood of holiday shopping will be reached. The clerks who, it was hoped, would be benefited by early shopping, are about fagged out as the result of long hours for the last two weeks and Christmas will be more a day of rest for them than one of jubilation.

The usual rush of mail and express matter is on today and the postoffice is almost swamped under the rush. The express wagons are also loaded with presents. Not only are the postal

clerks rushed with incoming letters and packages, but the lobby of the office was crowded all day with patrons making belated shipments of gifts. Some of them will not reach their destination by Christmas.

Saturday is a bad day for Christmas to come on. It makes the wait too long when there are presents to be exchanged. Usually it is torture to wait until the next morning, but this year the following day happens to be Sunday.

The banks will be open from 7 until 8 o'clock this evening in order to accommodate their patrons. A large number of pay checks will be cashed this afternoon and evening. Christmas in the Lake region, and

Connellsville especially, will be a quiet, but happy one. There has been a return of prosperity since last Christmas, but this has not caused an exceptional increase in buying. In fact, many stores will not do the Christmas business this year they did last.

In Connellsville there will be but little doing. There will be special services in all the churches tomorrow and Sunday.

The amusement line the Solsson theatre will be the only one that is not dark. Comic opera is billed there and prospects are that more than the usual holiday crowd will be in attendance. All the nickelodeons will be open for business.

DETECTIVE IBACH COMES FOR NEGRO.

Takes Harry Johnson Back
to Harrisburg to Stand
Trial for Murder.

DETAILS OF BRUTAL CRIME

Victim Laid for Hours Before Police.
Were Notified and Died Without
gaining Consciousness Two Weeks
After Being Assaulted.

City Detective Joseph W. Ibach of Harrisburg arrived in Connellsville last night to take Harry Johnson back to the State capital to answer a charge of murder. Johnson is alleged to have attacked Liverman John H. Hartman on the night of December 3, robbed him of an amount believed to have been \$300, and then escaped. Hartman died two weeks later without regaining consciousness.

Johnson implicated another negro, he refused to name and while admitting that he shared the spoils, says the other negro hit Hartman over the head. Hartman had been to a horse sale nine miles from Harrisburg on the day of the assault. He returned, as far as can be learned, about nine o'clock. The two other negroes employed about the stable started to meet him on the way home but got too drunk too soon. Hartman went to the stable, where Johnson was waiting. There is every indication that the crime was planned before the liverman's return. Horse blankets had been hung at the windows of the office.

Hartman entered the office and began writing a letter. He was writing when a negro went past and spoke to him. He had time to finish the letter before being assaulted. When the two negroes employed at the stable returned at 11 o'clock, they found their employer lying in the door between the stable and the office. The office floor is about six inches higher than the floor of the stable. Hartman's head was on the stable floor, being lower than his feet. The negroes went away from the stable to tell their friends. A party of them returned to the stable, and it was 2 o'clock the following morning before the police were notified.

When Detective Ibach saw Johnson last night the negro recognized him. "Do you remember, cleaning up a book in the alley back of the Star theatre?" asked the officer.

"Sure," replied the negro.

"Did you know you dropped a \$20 bill?"

"Did I? Well, that's how I only came to have \$135."

Johnson was traced out of Harrisburg that night. He went to Bedford and then to Cumberland. The officers lost track of him until he was learned to be in Braddock. Then Detective Ibach learned the man had relatives in Connellsville and the officers here were notified. It is believed Johnson's wife, in Harrisburg, had considerable of the money that was taken for the negro has been writing her for funds. A suit case containing the clothes he wore on the night of the assault was found at the Prospect street house today. At 11 o'clock Detective Ibach left with the negro for Greensburg. Chief Rolter accompanied the pair that far.

Drove Robbers Off.
Cashier F. W. Brown drove robbers who were trying to break into the First National Bank of Derry early yesterday morning away with a shot gun. Brown sleeps over the bank and heard the efforts to break into the bank.

Mercury at 21 Degrees.
The mercury this morning registered 21 degrees. Yesterday morning the record was 23 and in the evening 32.

INSTITUTE CLOSES; TEACHERS GO HOME

Closing Session Was Held This Morning—School Directors Elect Officers.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—The teachers' institute came to a close this morning with a final address by Henry Houck. After Mr. Houck had concluded his address with much the final exercises which brought the institute to a close.

The principal business at this morning's session was to hear the report of the various committees. R. K. Smith delivered the report on professional reading. S. F. Hogue submitted the resolutions and the memorial committee was represented by A. M. Snyder. There was an address by Dr. F. B. Kille and one by Dr. O. T. Cornum. In addition to these there were the music drill and a solo by Mrs. Susan Brooks, Rutherford. As quickly as possible the teachers made their way out of town for their respective homes.

A short talk by President Biddle Hornbeck, reports of committees followed by election of officers for the ensuing year, brought to a close Thursday afternoon, the annual meeting of the Fayette County School Directors' Association, after a successful session of two days in Uniontown. The new officers, chosen for the coming year are: J. A. Armstrong of Connellsville, President; Dr. R. T. Gribble, Fairchance, First Vice President; J. M. Murdall, Dawson, Second Vice President; Joseph W. Miller of Jefferson township, Secretary, and William A. Edmonson, Brownsville, Treasurer.

Delegates selected for the State convention are: E. J. Thomas, Connellsville; C. B. Franks, Dunbar; W. J. Coleman, Springfield; J. H. Housaker, Masontown; John H. Antrim, New Salem, and W. S. Craft, Luzerne township.

TWAIN'S DAUGHTER FOUND DEAD IN TUB

Miss Jean Clemens, Daughter of Famous Humorist, Victim of
Epilepsy.

United Press Telegram.
REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens, "Mark Twain," was found dead in a bath tub at the home near here today. The cause of death is unknown. She had suffered from epilepsy for several years. It is believed she sustained an attack while in the tub and slipped down into the water, drowning.

Mr. Clemens gave out a statement saying his daughter had been found at 7:30 by her maid after she had failed to answer the breakfast call. The maid found her drowned in the tub.

The statement expresses belief that the young woman had a convulsion and could not get out. Mr. Clemens says she chatted with him last night and was apparently in good health.

ARCHBOLD'S NIECE DIVORCED.

Her Husband Disappeared From Parkersburg Four Years Ago.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Caroline Insalco (sister of John D. Archbold) of the Standard Oil Company, was granted a divorce here today from J. B. Insalco, a former merchant here. The cause is desertion.

Insalco disappeared from his home four years ago.

Snow or Rain.
Snow, probably turning to rain tonight, Saturday rain is the noon weather forecast.

NO PAPER CHRISTMAS.

In accordance with custom
The Courier will not be issued
tomorrow.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY FORMS.

Organization Is Not Effected
But Men Are Put on
Duty at Once.

THE OLD MEN ARE TO BE PAID

Public Safety Committee Hears Claims
of Four Men and Will Recommend
Payment of Their Bills—McCormick
is in Charge.

The organization of the new volunteer fire department was not effected last night, as had been intended by Chairman William McCormick of the Public Safety Committee. All the new firemen were not on hand because some of their number had to work. The men will be called together early next month to elect officers and be sworn in. Those present last evening were directed to respond to all alarms of fire until an organization is effected.

Councilman William McCormick, J. F. Reynolds, Alex. Francis and Edgar Cypher were present at the meeting, together with Clerk A. O. Bixler. A dozen new volunteers attended, while four members of the old company came to the front with bills. Charles F. Gastell, P. J. King, T. H. McGuire, and Frank Henle asked that they be paid the same amount as the other volunteers and after discussing the matter Councilman McCormick reported that their bills would be recommended to Council for payment. It was shown that all had attended fires and did good work. It was announced at the meeting that no more bills from members of the old company will be considered.

Councilman McCormick, who is also acting as the marshal, declared that a thorough organization will be effected and members of the volunteers who fail to attend fires will be dropped from the rolls.

FINAL ACCOUNT FILED IN RISBECK ESTATE

Was Former Owner of Pennsylvania
Hotel at Brownsville—Routine
Court Matters.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—The first and final account of George W. Acklin and W. A. Edmonson, assignees of the estate of James Risbeck and wife of Brownsville, was filed this morning. Risbeck was the former owner of the Pennsylvania Hotel in Brownsville.

The collections amounted to \$37,538.41, from which was deducted \$5,418.57 for expenses and payments. This leaves a balance for distribution of \$32,119.84.

John S. Griffiths, assignee, has filed his final account in the estate of S. P. Hoennan, an insolvent of Brownsville. The report shows \$921 for distribution. Hoennan and his wife have moved from Brownsville and their address is not known.

A petition for the transfer of the Byerson Moise license is on file. John Hertzog asks that the license be granted George Pisula.

COMPLAINT FILED

Against the Bell Telephone Company
Alleging Discrimination.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Carl Vandervoort, in behalf of the Pittsburgh Lumberman's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, today filed a complaint with the State Railroad Commission, alleging that the Central District and Printing Telegraph Company discriminates against its Pittsburgh patrons by charging them \$18 a year rental for an extension desk set that can be bought outright in the open market for \$6. He asks for an investigation.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD AFTER PITTSBURG COAL COMPANY.

Powerful Financial Interests in New York Back of Campaign That Has Been in Progress.

Zelayan Army Wiped Out By Revolutionists.

United Press Telegram.

BLAUFRIDGES, via wireless to Colon, Dec. 24.—President Madrid has asked for peace. The capture of Managua seems assured. The revolutionists are pressing on, following the complete annihilation of the Zelayan army Wednesday evening. The North Rama engagement was fierce, lasting two hours. The government troops threw their lives away recklessly but were forced to surrender at 6 o'clock. American soldiers of fortune, fighting with the revolutionists, played a great part in the victory. John Brainard, a North Dakotan, was left dead on the field back of the camp. An American flag was tied about his head. Generals Gonzalez, Catrillo and Robert were captured. They admit the Zelayan power is crushed. The condition of the 1,800 prisoners is pitiable. They are sick and starved. The greatest care of the American surgeons is necessary to prevent fatalities.

MANAGUA, Dec. 24.—A special guard of soldiers was called to the mansion of Zelaya today to escort him to Corinto where a Mexican vessel awaits orders. It is believed he intends going to Mexico and then to Brussels until Nicaragua becomes quiet.

CHRISTMAS AT HOSPITAL WILL BE HAPPY ONE

There Will Be Turkey, Dinner and
Things Generally Made
Pleasant for Patients.

Christmas will be appropriately observed at the Cottage State hospital. A number of donations have already been made and tomorrow at noon a turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served to about 16 patients. Dr. G. W. Gallagher this morning in behalf of the West Side merchants presented the institution a large basket of all kinds of fruits, celery and other delicacies which constitute a Christmas dinner. W. R. Scott, the grocer, gave three large turkeys, Robert Welsh a barrel of apples, while each ward has been brightened with carnations by the W. C. T. U.

Three Christmas trees are already beautifully trimmed. Three children, two boys and one girl, are at the hospital and gifts for each have been placed on the trees. The superintendent and nurses are making great preparations for the day and will have everything as cheery as possible for the patients. Mrs. Mary White, a well known aged lady of the West Side, is among the patients.

LOSS OF A ROLL STARTS TROUBLE

Row at Smiley Works Began After
Theft of \$170 and Accusation
of Neighbor.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 24.—When Michael Smith of Smiley works discovered that someone had entered his house 1 a broad daylight Wednesday and took \$170 in cash, all of which belonged to his boards, except \$50, he got mad. But it Michael was angry, it did not equal the wrath of his wife. The wife immediately suspected a woman living nearby and made a bee line for the neighbor's house.

The result was an action in disorderly conduct in which Mrs. Smith was the defendant. The matter was amicably settled before Squire Alex. Monteth at Fairchance last night but the moon is still missing.

McCULLOCH APPOINTED.

Gov. Stuart Names Deputy Insurance
Commissioner to Succeed Martin.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 24.—Governor Stuart has appointed Samuel W. McCulloch of Harrisburg, to be Insurance Commissioner of Pennsylvania, to succeed David Martin, of Philadelphia, who has resigned in order to become Register of Wills of his home city.

Mr. McCulloch has been Deputy Insurance Commissioner and in charge of the details of the State department for 15 years. He has represented Pennsylvania in every National Insurance convention during that time, and is widely known as an expert in insurance matters.

OLD PLANS OF GEORGE GOULD

Money No Consideration in Construction of Link From Cumberland to Connellsville and Thence into Pittsburgh—Rockefeller and Vanderbilt Mentioned.

It was stated on high authority in Pittsburgh and New York last night that the purchasers of the stocks of the Pittsburgh Coal Company during the past seven months comprise one of the most powerful financial combinations in the country—the Western Maryland interests, led by B. F. Bush. Associated with him are John D. Rockefeller, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., George J. Gould, Myron T. Harlick, former Governor of Ohio, and others. These men are the forces behind the Western Maryland railroad, and their plan to gain control of the coal company is looked upon by the most important interests in the financial world as containing all the elements of ultimate success.

According to a person in touch with the situation, the project of George J. Gould to connect his valuable Pittsburgh terminals with the Western Maryland, was never abandoned. Many things have come to pass since the money market began to prophesy the approaching business disturbance, and while it has been stated on many occasions that plans for the connection of the Pittsburgh line with the Western Maryland were about to be announced, some power has intervened to prevent consummation of the transaction.

The Gould interests suffered in their plans as did many other ambitious projects, and the Western Maryland was among them. It is not known that in those days of four or five years ago, the Goulds contemplated control of the coal company, but so many changes and alignments have been made as to make the project most desirable at this time.

It is admitted by those in position to know that the connection of the Gould name with the plan to acquire the coal company will easily dispose of the railroad entrance into Pittsburgh. The line to Connellsville from the terminal of the Western Maryland is not announced, but it is stated there is enough money behind the project to carry it through, and it will probably be done without serious regard to cost. Connection with the Gould lines at Pittsburgh will logically follow.

It is stated that an enormous sum has been spent by the powerful party of financiers who desire to secure the coal company, and the struggle is not at an end, at least there is no indication that the end has come. There is still a floating supply of the stock, and it is said the Western Maryland interests are gathering it in as fast as possible. It may require some time, but they are confident of success.

It is admitted if the control of the company passes it will be of immediate and invaluable benefit to the Western Maryland, since it will take Pittsburgh coal direct to the seaboard and will materially assist in carrying out other plans the Bush interests have in contemplation.

DELEGATION WILL ASK FOR DAMS ON YOUGH

McKeesport, West Newton and Connellsville to Be Represented
at Washington.

McKEESPORT, Dec. 24.—McKeesport will be represented before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress in Washington, January 5, by a delegation of 21 citizens, including the Mayor and city officials. West Newton and Connellsville also will be represented.

The delegation will go on a special car, and ask an appropriation from Congress for damming the Youghiogheny river from McKeesport to West Newton. Dr. J. P. Blackburn, chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce, spoke last night at a meeting of McKeesport council, urging the importance of the river improvement project.

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Dec. 24.—Mrs. J. J. Kerr and daughter, Miss Jessie, who have been visiting friends at Connelville, returned home.

Don't be an old fossil and say that the gliding of presents at Christmas time is all foolish. The ignorance of some people is judged by their "would-be wise sayings." No one conscientiously agrees with you anyhow. Don't do it.

Mrs. Patrick Connell was shopping in Connelville Thursday.

Miss Della McFarland was visiting friends in Uniontown Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey were visiting friends at Fairbance Thursday.

Charles Frank, a member of the Dunbar township school board, was in Uniontown attending the directors' meeting in connection with the institution.

Isaac Lemon was in Pittsburg on Thursday looking after some business matters.

Undertaker James H. Feltz was a business caller in Connelville Thursday.

Miss Carrie Nurb of Connelville was here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kerr left Thursday for Pittsburg where they will be the guests of friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cawright and brother, Austin Cawright of Hopewell, Bedford county, left Thursday for Pittsburg, where they will be the guests of relatives for a few days.

Miss Pearl Baker, who is a student at the Indiana Normal, arrived home on Thursday and will spend her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Baker of Connelville street.

Mrs. Pompey Hill was the guest of friends in Connelville Thursday.

Miller Dinnaway was a visitor in Uniontown Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stoner of Connelville were here Thursday the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McElroy of Uniontown.

Miss Lydia Hill left Wednesday for Greensburg where she will attend the Westernland county teachers' institute.

Albert Hucks was a visitor in Connelville Thursday.

Tons of all kinds: kums, wagons, mangle, ironers, engines, etc., at Central Drug Store.

Mrs. Lucy Clayton of Connelville was here Thursday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Speers Hill.

Miss Pearl Blecher was in Uniontown Thursday attending the teachers' institute.

O. F. Reynolds was a business caller in Uniontown Thursday.

Ross Reid of Star City, W. Va., was here looking after business matters on Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Scott was visiting friends in Uniontown yesterday.

Mrs. E. E. Gaddis was shopping in Connelville Thursday.

Miss Helen Miller was in Uniontown Thursday attending the teachers' institute.

W. W. Davis, who has been here looking after matters of the Somerset Savings Company left for his home at Fairbance.

George Hughes was a business caller in Fairbance Thursday.

Mrs. J. J. Hucker was shopping in Connelville Thursday.

J. J. Barnhart of Leavenworth was here Thursday calling on friends.

Miss Anna Goss was visiting friends in Connelville Thursday.

Mrs. Edward Duffy of Leavenworth, Mo., was here Thursday the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Hunsicker of Woodvale street.

Mrs. George F. Kurtz of Confluence is here the guest of friends for a few days.

Mrs. Fannie Benton was shopping in Connelville yesterday.

Miss Jane McCullough of Steelville was visiting friends here Thursday.

Everett Harshbarger of Greensburg was here Thursday the guest of friends.

The Sunday school of the Methodist Episcopal Church will give a concert and this evening the church is entitled "The Messiah." All are cordially invited to attend and a fine musical program is in store for the who's who's. Don't delay. Be it now. You will never be sorry for buying that present. Anything you want at General Drug Store.

NORMALVILLE.

NORMALVILLE, Dec. 24.—Candidates are coming to the polls.

The old fellows will banquet in their hall New Year's evening.

A couple of shooting matches are scheduled for the coming week.

Some of our young men attended a dance at Curtis Rogers' near the Baptist Church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickson were in Connelville Friday.

Rev. Baker preached in the U. B. Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Whipple were Connelville shoppers Saturday.

The new bridge is completed. The next move is for the supervisors to fill up the approaches and then the public can use the new structure.

John Farwell, an overseer at Marshall, is visiting his parents near Haverhill.

Calvin Goss and Miss Maud Littenour of near Haverhill, are visiting in marriage license. Mr. Goss is an employee of the McFarland Lumber Company.

A large crowd from here attended the Leitchville sale Saturday near Gilman's Mills.

Donald D. Brooks, a medical student, is home for the holiday vacation.

Lloyd Mountain of Connelville, visited his parents over Sunday.

William H. Hart moved to the property he recently purchased some time in the spring but the young man will remain.

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Heilker visited friends in Pittsburg Saturday and Sunday.

Just try a sack of White Elephant flour. It wins them all in quality and price. Also large sack at Best's Grocery, and Hixson & Lytle, West Side.

When you want anything advertise for it in our vast columns.

CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Ben Brown and daughter, Lucy, were the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Blosser, in Connelville, Wednesday and Thursday.

Prof. Foster left Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Margaret Hostetter, formerly of this place, but now of West Newton, is spending a few days in town with her father, Hal Hostetter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Snow and two children returned home Wednesday evening after a short visit with Pittsburg friends.

T. S. Miller, road foreman of engines, of Connelville, was transacting business here Wednesday.

John Weaver, B. O. Freeman, returned home Thursday after a week's visit with friends here.

Miss Louise Snyder is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. C. C. Clister, in Haverhill.

Miss Myrtle Largent of Addison, was in town this week.

Miss Myrtle Farney of Morgantown, arrived Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Freeman, near town.

Prof. Alva Chaffin, teacher of the Drakestown school, was calling on friends here Wednesday.

Miss Helen Miller is spending the holidays with her family here.

Miss Lincoln, formerly a resident of this place, but now of Michigan, was in town Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Daniel B. Bergs of Woburn, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Rogers, at "Cantlure's" several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds are the proud parents of a fine big baby boy.

Miss Little King left Thursday for a week's visit with relatives and friends in town this week.

Charles Frederic of Friendsville, was here on business yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and daughter, Miss Kate, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rose, in Connelville.

Miss Mae Young left Thursday for a two-week's visit with friends in Washington, Pa.

Miss Helen Fick is spending the holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Dickerson, in Uniontown.

Bruce Tressler of Monaca, Pa., is spending the holidays with his family here.

T. B. Duan, who has been spending several weeks in New Mexico, has returned home.

Ellis Largent of Addison, was a business caller here Wednesday.

OHIOVILLE.

OHIOVILLE, Dec. 24.—Roscoe Bailey, who has been visiting relatives in Connelville and Steelville, returned home Thursday evening.

Whitellaw R. Morrison, who is attending the Ohio State Normal, is spending the holidays with his family here.

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OWENSDALE.

OWENSDALE, Dec. 24.—All the Owen's through the Morgan station proper to please their congregations with Christmas and elaborate Christmas entertainments, almost all, will any way endeavor to portray the beautiful story of the Redeemer.

The entertainment at Jacobs Creek Methodist Episcopal Church will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Special singing and recitations by the little choir will be the predominating part of the program. The oldest folks will also assist in rendering a most pleasing program.

The entertainment of the Morgan Station Union Sunday school will be similar to that of the Jacobs Creek church and just as pleasing a presentation. This little Sunday school has gained for itself a very commendable record and it is needless to say that a large congregation will be in attendance. The service at this church will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The German Reformed Church at Morgan Station will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Recitations and singing by the little choir will be the order of the entertainment.

A beautifully arranged surprise birthday party was tendered Miss Polignac at her home here Wednesday evening by a number of her friends in commemoration of her 14th birthday. Various parlor games were indulged in after which the guests departed wishing their hostess many happy returns of the day.

Among those present were: Misses Margaret, Lucie, Eva, Margaret, and William, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Miss Lillian.

Benjamin Dismore of Washington county is visiting friends here.

Among the Owen's who arrived today were: Miss Margaret, Miss Lillian, Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Miss Lillian.

The customers and employees of the Owen's and Company and B. P. Keltner & Company will be given a treat on Christmas morning.

Henry Ottenberg of Meadow Mills was visiting friends here for a short time today.

SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 24.—J. B. Brown, a Pennsylvania brickman, has been transferred from Uniontown to Smithfield, and moved his family from here this morning.

John Moore of Jacobs Creek, was transacting business in town Thursday. His sister, Mrs. J. N. O'Neil, accompanied him for a brief visit.

The man that said the Owen's had changed names and were not going to have any more winters like we used to have, has hibernated with the ground hog and taken the hole in after him.

W. M. V. Mayfield was before the examining board at Uniontown Wednesday being examined for an increase of pension under the old law.

Charles Dills of Nicholson, was a thorough business visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. O'Neil, of Smithfield, were here on business Thursday.

Mrs. Edwina Morgan of Outcrop, was here on business Thursday.

Camden Sturge and wife of Anderson's Cross Roads, were here on business Thursday.

James H. Vance took in the institute at Uniontown Wednesday.

Lady Gailin Lodge No. 309, D. O. E. R. I. O. O. P., will give a supper in the town hall Friday evening, December 31st.

Miss Kate Rankin was a Uniontown shopper Thursday.

John K. Ketter, an East Georges township farmer, was here on business Thursday.

VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Dec. 24.—The Methodist Episcopal Church will hold their Christmas entertainment tonight and it promises to be one of the best of the season. After the entertainment there will be a treat to the Sunday School children.

F. E. Stover, proprietor of the Nickel, is going to have a fine show this evening. All of the youngsters will be attracted by the display.

Charles Shillinger, Chester Johnson, Bob and George Moore, Alva and Frank Reed Snyder, Henry Goodman, Alva Blair and Paul Johnson, composed a theatre party that attended "The Three Twins" at the Solson theatre, Connelville Wednesday evening. The boys report the show the best of the kind they have seen for a long time.

The Misses Dancy and Bess Johnson were in Connelville yesterday.

Joe, the small son of E. N. Stukel, has been very ill, but is now improving.

H. B. Russell of Dawson, was a business caller in Connelville yesterday.

Herbert Newell of Fort Casswell, N. C., one of the 7th Regiment, C. A. C. is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Newell.

Louis Vukovic, the barber, was a business caller in Connelville yesterday.

Marshall Dean of Uniontown is here visiting friends.

CASSELMAN.

CASSELMAN, Dec. 24.—J. Roscoe Shank was in Rockwood on business Saturday.

Clark of Courts P. A. Harsh was here on business Saturday.

Scott Williams who is employed at Windber, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams, over Sunday.

John Nicholson of Somerset, was here on business Saturday.

Miss Carrie Miller of Rockwood, was here visiting friends over Sunday.

Albert Zuffall and Ross Saylor of Upper Turkeyfoot, were here on business Saturday.

Miss Mary Pritts and Miss Bessie Hetschbaugh of Rockwood, were here visiting friends Saturday evening.

Miss Caselman, Sunday school teacher of the Sunday school scholars to noon presents Sunday.

Miss Pearl Bitner of Black township, was here on business Saturday.

Additional Correspondence will be found on the fifth page of this issue.

White Elephant Flour, something new and just a sack of money back if not satisfied. 150 large sack, at East End Grocery, and Hixson & Lytle, West Side.

MEYERSDALE.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 24.—Rev. John Hoyer of Salisbury, was here on business Thursday.

Lehigh County Commissioner S. W. Poorbaugh and Postmaster Maize, of Connelville, were calling on friends here yesterday.

J. S. Warner, an employee of the Somerset County Leader, and Prof. Krizan, principal of the Rockwood public school, were shaking hands with friends and acquaintances here yesterday.

George Landis who for some time has been employed at Akron, O. arrived here yesterday and will spend the holiday season with his family, who reside in Lehigh.

John S. Graves, superintendent of the Meyersdale Planning Mill Company, yesterday presented each of his employees with a large turkey.

V. A. Graves, who during the past summer and fall has been engaged at the carpenter's trade at Akron, O. is home to spend Christmas with his wife and family.

C. A. Bender, a representative of a well known horse and stock company, and who has been looking after the interests of his company in Cumberland county the past month, is here to pass the holidays with his family.

Christmas will be observed in the local churches as follows:

Zion Evangelical Lutheran, Christmas, Dec. 24.—Early at 8 and 11. Morning, "The Birth of Jesus." Vespers by the Sunday School at 7. Sunday, December 26th, at 10:45, sermon, "Christ's Resurrection." Vespers at 7:30. Part of the service there will be a valedictory composed mainly of young voices.

Amity Reformed, Christmas morning, 10 o'clock, sermon, "The Birth of Jesus." An offering for the orphans will be taken. Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:30. Preaching at 10:30. Subject, "On Earth, Is It Coming?" No evening services.

S. S. Phillips and James Catholic Early mass on Christmas morning at 8 o'clock. Public mass at 10 o'clock. Additional masses between the stated ones. At the early mass the principal exercises will be held. An elaborate musical program will be rendered by the choir and a selected orchestra. In the time also, an appropriate sermon will be delivered by the pastor.

First Methodist Episcopal, Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. J. B. Appley, will deliver a sermon especially for young people. Special music will be rendered by the choir and orchestra.

Church of the Brethren, Sunday School Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. At 10 A. M. the pastor will deliver a sermon to the children. After the usual treat will be given. Preaching at 7. Christmas Workers at 8.

Main Street Brethren, Exercises by the Sunday School Christmas evening at 8:30 o'clock. The offering at this service will be devoted to missions.

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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1909.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN FACT AND IN NAME.

The Christmas bells of 1909 will ring out more merrily than did those of 1907 and 1908. The holiday season will bring more gladness and more bright hopes than we have known since the black shadow of the money panic thrust itself athwart the land two years ago.

The booming industrial conditions of 1908 have been restored in the Connelville lake region, and the general prosperity which then departed is returning again. The impatient do not think it is returning fast enough, but they do not realize that the coming back is a climb while the departure was almost a tumble. It is evident, however, that the climbing is getting easier every day and that the level of business confidence and good fortune has been reached.

The Christmas message of Peace and Good Will should not be lost sight of in the rejoicing and merry-making, and it should be especially considered by labor and capital in the adjustment of any strained relations. The laborer is worthy of fair compensation and capital of fair return. Neither should lose sight of the equity of the other. They should walk hand in hand along the broad highway of common sense and not trample down the harvest fields of their community of interest.

To the people of Connelville this should be an especially happy Christmas because it dwells upon a greater community with brighter prospects of greater growth, greater public spirit, greater progress and greater prosperity than ever before. Greater Connelville is an accomplished fact; the rejuvenated Chamber of Commerce is alive to its work, industries are stirring and new industries are negotiating for location. Once more Connelville is a going and a growing town, a "dead" one as some of its neighbors would have the world believe. Like Mark Twain, it has no intention, at its time of life, of riding in the breeze.

While we may not all have all we want or all we seek, we have better assurance of success than we have had in recent years. The clouds are rolling away; the sun is shining; the star of hope gleams radiantly. It is in order to celebrate, and The Courier wishes its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE WESTERN MARYLAND; CONNELLSVILLE PROGRESS.

With the awakening of industrial activity comes a train of new deals and new developments in coal and railroad circles. Some of them are rather surprising; for example, the story that control of the Pittsburgh Coal Company is involved in the plans of the Western Maryland extension from Cumberland to Connelville and hence to Pittsburgh to connect with the Wabash system.

It is stated that George Gould never abandoned the proposition to cross the mountains and establish a tidewater connection for the Wabash system; that he is now backed by Rockefeller and Gould interests; and that the cost of the line from Cumberland to Connelville will not be seriously regarded.

We assume that the latter statement means that the line through Connelville will be substantially built as will become a portion of a great through railway system, and in this event Connelville would be a convenient and natural location for railroad shops.

It is a natural location for manufacturing and with the proper effort on the part of its enterprising citizens its destiny will be upward and onward. The empty factory at South Connelville is reported to be sold, and the indications are that within a few weeks all our idle industries will be active again.

And there are more to follow.

BOURNE FINANCES AND BOND ISSUES.

The proposed borough bond issue of \$25,000 has been laid over for further consideration. It is desired to know from the legal advisers of the borough just how much of it the people will have to consent to at the polls. It will probably be found that this particular part will be the whole. Any bond issue which exceeds the legal limit of indebtedness which the Town Council may incur of its own motion must have the consent of the people, no matter how little it exceeds the limitation between 2% and 7% of the assessed valuation of the borough.

The postponement of action upon this matter was proper and wise, however, for other good and sufficient reasons. A financial assessment, which usually means an increase in valuations, is just being completed, and it will include a very much larger area of population and property than has hitherto been included in the valuation of Connelville. The relation of our public debt to our borough valuation will doubtless undergo a material change for the better. While it is not probable, it is possible that the proposed bond issue may be properly carried without the consent of the people.

If the borough indebtedness proposed to be taken up at a less rate of in-

terest by this bond issue is a legal and proper debt, it is good business to fund it in the manner proposed; but it is in the opinion of the legal advisers of the borough looked more strictly into public expenditures. There has been too great a disposition to recklessly incur indebtedness and to prodigally pay the same with certificates.

The payment of a debt by a written promise to pay with interest is an easy way to meet the demands of those who are able and willing to invest their money at legal interest in such guaranteed securities. The certificate of indebtedness, it must be remembered, is backed by all the real estate in Connelville.

The business of the borough should be conducted in businesslike manner. The outgo should be regulated to the income. At the beginning of the year, the Finance Committee should carefully consider the probable resources of the borough, deduct therefrom sinking fund demands and fixed charges of all kinds, and with the advice and consent of the Council apportion the remainder to various possible needs, not omitting a contingent fund. Expenditures for improvements and other matters should be confined to the limitations of these appropriations.

This should be the practice of all legislative bodies, and it is the aim of most of them.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE IN CONNELLSVILLE.

"Comparisons are odorous," as a famous wit once remarked. The News is fond of trying to persuade itself and the public that its news service is superior to that of The Courier. When it prints a trifling item that has escaped the reporters of this paper, which is rarely, it puts itself on the back and sneers about "Sneaky Alley." The Courier is not given to this practice. The public has long since come to regard The Courier as Connelville's leading paper, most enterprising, most aggressive, most forceful. It is not necessary for The Courier to advertise this fact daily by calling attention to the items which its competitors have missed seeing. However, just by way of illustration, we append a few samples of the "sneaky." The Courier has had during the past two weeks The Times represent the day of the month.

1. Silgo decides to resume; Burgess orders slot machines out of stores, B. & O. puts on water train.

2. Iron bridge crews West Penn ordered to Connelville; big fire at Siskielee plant.

3. The story of the Wether estate trust.

4. West Penn's new service for Humbert mill men; Prison House sale; important baseball events.

5. Death of Walter Trust and appointment of Albert Walter as third trustee; Speecher libel suit; Western Maryland contemplates shops West Side; Pittsburgh Post copies this story from Courier and two days later News publishes it with credit to Post.

6. O'Brien boy nearly burned to death; big industry contemplates locating hereabouts, proceedings to oust Countess Crossland; B. & O. yard improvements.

7. Railway purchase of 1,000,000 coal tract at Dunlap's Creek from J. V. Thompson and plans for immediate development. The Courier scooped all the other papers in the county and city on this story.

8. Smithfield children imprisoned in closet; South Connelville lady held prisoner in her own doorway; Fulton town lid on slot machines; Broad Ford death and destruction.

9. B. & O. \$200,000 coke merger; wreck at Hyndman.

10. West Penn \$100,000 new equipment; Federal building to be under contract by August; paddle wheel and raffles stopped at South Connelville; fiasco McCullough almost burned to death; Finance Committee decides to recommend \$25,000 borough bond issue; new auto garage.

11. Death of W. O. Toloy; Smith's prison life story.

12. The cheap demagoguery and childish misrepresentations of the chattering chattering of Connelville journalism are not really worth noticing in the columns of a paper of real elevation and substantial standing; but, this much of a notice was invited and is cheerfully given.

13. If the Unofficial Organ doesn't believe better Santa Claus won't bring it a thing.

14. This is the only time in the year when money gets clean.

15. The postman and the expressman are not so sure about it being a Merry Christmas.

16. The average small boy will lead a Christian life tomorrow, if the Sunday school candy holds out.

17. The Courier earnestly hopes that Santa Claus will be good to all good people, and that he won't entirely overlook the erring.

18. The Salvation Army is doing the Good Samaritan stunt.

19. Looks like a White Christmas.

20. There are some forms of abuse that even a lawyer won't stand.

21. It looks as if the Pittsburgh market has burned the Fourteenth regiment out.

22. The B. & O. seems to be getting nothing but our troubles for Christmas gifts.

23. The Jamisons have become Two-State operators.

24. The usual exodus to Scotland will occur tomorrow.

25. Looks as if the turkey corner had failed.

26. The Institute closes today and Uniontown settles down to the quiet life again.

27. The Young region still holds the presidency of the Parents School Directors Association. What the Young region wants is a County Superintendent.

28. The dangers of the nickelodeon are becoming horridly apparent.

29. Admiral Selley has stirred up a storm, but he is a good sailor.



OUR NATIONAL SANTA CLAUS.

CHAT WITH OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The Brownsville Clipper-Monitor wants a Connelville Association building and a Board of Trade. The new center of the new Lower Connelville colony is evidently preparing to take on the job.

The West Newton Times Sun congratulates the Town Council of that town upon the passage of the West Penn tollage ordinance, which means the connection of West Newton with Greensburg and other towns and the expansion of the old paper mill village. Yet such is the perversity of mankind that in another decade some of the previous citizens of West Newton will probably rise up on their hind legs and kick vigorously because the Town Council did not erect a large boys' and girls' playground and a public library for the right-of-way through the town.

The Chamber of Commerce instances the Monongahela free bridge as an example of what waiting will do for a town. Energy is what makes the municipal wheels go 'round.

The Monongahela Independent advocates the passage of an ordinance forbidding a heavy license fee upon firms who go about from place to place in a loaded truck, "bankrupt stocks" upon the unsuspicious public, and the practice is certainly detrimental to legitimate merchandising and should be discouraged.

The McKeesport News commends to action of Wilmington and East McKeesport in joining the Pittsburgh movement for better street railway service, and demands that public service corporations be regulated by the government.

The regulation of public service corporations by the government is justifiable to a certain degree, but only danger lies in exceeding that point where the rights of one set of citizens are sacrificed to the interests of another, that is to say, where the interests of the stockholders are subordinated to the demands of the public. Regulation should not become a conclusion neither should it become a political snafu.

The Chamber of Commerce advocates the organization of an associated charities committee. Connelville finds such a committee useful to the deserving poor and the severely charitable citizens. Both not their best to do. But it is a commendable and an encouraging to industry and crime and a fly in the ointment of charity.

The West Newton Times Sun declares that the Young river improvement must fall through on former occasions because of the inertia. The Young river should take pains from the Young. It is never hurt through its dealings as sometimes sluggish. The boomers must not be even sluggish on the job. They must be date-devil in their aggressiveness.

The Times-Tribune News is now confident that Connelville is destined to be the banner town of Somerset county. The chief commercial town of Somerset county is Connelville, and the center of the county is Connelville.

The Chamber of Commerce makes an earnest plea for road expansion. The Chamber of Commerce ought to maintain the example of the Pittsburgh grade boomers and visit the neighboring towns in a special train of railroad cars, and make a list of the things that need to be done to get some good and style about themselves.

Looking Backward.

News of the Past Condemned from the Files of The Courier.

December 20, 1879.

Superintendent L. L. Martin engaged in putting in operation the Pullman Car Works.

Pittsburgh street in a miserable condition and the source of much complaint.

George Nickel of New Haven died. Judge James Vreth, at one time one of the most prominent attorneys engaged in the practice of law at Uniontown, died.

December 27, 1880.

The Christmas of 1880 was a matter of considerable interest. It was warm and resembled a Spring day. The streets were crowded nearly all day. Ladies wore light wraps and low men wore overcoats.

CLASSIFIED ADS. ONE CENT A WORD.

Wanted.

WANTED—YOUR BUSINESS. IT WILL PAY YOU. GRAHAM & CO.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. Apply MRS. C. H. McCULLOUGH, 121 Carnegie avenue. 114cc-1f

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS MACHINISTS. Good references required. WEST PENN. RAILWAYS CO., shops West Side, Connelville. 214cc-1f

WANTED—TO BORROW \$5,000 FOR TWO YEARS AT 6% WITH LIBERAL BORROW. Approved security. Address, "LOAN," Courier Co. 27nov-1f

FOR RENT—HOUSE ON EAST GIBSON AVENUE. All conveniences. Inquire BELL PHONE 128-J. 7dec-1f

FOR RENT—SIX-ROOM HOUSE, recreation hall and bath; all modern conveniences. Inquire 410 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE. 13dec-1f

FOR SALE—EVERY COAT MADE BY THE LITTLE JOCKEY. Heavy padded, oncoco shoulders. DAVE COHEN, TAILOR. 10

FOUND—REAL OLIVE OIL TASTES good. Full price 90c. GRAHAM & CO.

Personal.

TO KATE: KINDEST REWARD, and a Merry Christmas. 214cc-1f

To Loan.

TO LOAN FROM \$1,000 TO \$100,000, on first mortgage approved security. ROBB DYALMON, Uniontown or Duquesne, Pa. 27nov-1cc

Notice.

CONNELLSVILLE CLEARING HOUSE Association. Connelville, Pa., Dec. 21, 1909.—The several banking institutions of Connelville will be closed Friday evening, December 24, 1909, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. The banks will be closed on Saturday, Christmas Day. B. F. MORTON, Secretary. 21dec-1f

Administrators' Notice.

ESTATE OF DR. J. W. HAMILTON, deceased. Notice of Administration on the Estate of J. W. Hamilton, late of Dunbar borough, Fayette county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated, for settlement. W. A. BLYTHE, Administrator. Dunbar, Pa. 27nov-1cc

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE AND RENT.

FARMS, HOMES AND LOTS FOR SALE. Houses for Rent, Money to Loan. Notary Public.

JOS. A. MASON.

Room 305, Second National Bank Bldg.

YOUNG MEN WANTED.

Government Pays Railway Mail Clerks \$900 to \$1,400 a Year.

Free scholarships are offered. Uncle Sam holds spring examinations for railway mail clerks in this vicinity.

The job is for life, hours are short, salary twice monthly and vacation 10 days a year. This is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Thousands of appointments are to be made. Good school education is all you need, city and country people have equal chance. Start to prepare now—Free information. Free scholarship tests monthly. Write immediately to Central Schools, Department 39, Rochester, N. Y.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Western Penna. Partly cloudy, rain or snow by night or Saturday; variable winds.

A BUSY CHRISTMAS WEEK AT DUNN'S

Avoid the afternoon rush and jam as far as possible. We suggest you do your buying from 8 to 11 A. M., when you will be sure of prompt attention. This store open evenings until Christmas.

This week will finish the holiday business. Even at this late date we feel safe in saying that the majority of Christmas buying is yet to be done. Notwithstanding the unusual activity of this store, stocks have been kept in good shape and selection is good. Some stocks have been replenished, particularly the handkerchief stock which is now undoubtedly the rarest collection being shown in this section. We have made a special effort to gather together a wide assortment of useful gifts of an expensive and inexpensive nature and feel that we have well succeeded. We call attention to our lines of Holiday Jewelry which is unusually large—everything being put up in neat boxes for mailing or for gifts. Our line of Neckwear—ruches, jabots, stock and coat collars, Dutch collars, bows, Gibson collars, etc., all put up in Christmas boxes appropriate for giving, deserves mention. Our Christmas exhibits are so complete that it will be to your own best interests to make this store your headquarters for Christmas buying.

Open evenings till Christmas.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.
129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

Singing Canary Birds \$3 Each

Christmas Toys

Dolls 10c to \$4.99

Our line of Christmas Toys is now open for your choosing. The line this year is larger and better than ever. They are all priced at popular prices, and everything to please the children may be found here, priced to suit your purse.

Dolls, Go-Carts, Animals, Automobiles, Drums, Friction Toys, Mechanical Toys, Railroad Trains, Street Cars, Horses, Dogs, Cats, Toy Dishes, Blackboards, Building Blocks, Games, Iron Toys, Magic Lanterns, Moving Picture Machines, Books and everything to please the children are here in endless array.

FINE CHINA

We have a \$1,700 stock of beautifully decorated French, German and Austrian China, which we are closing out during the holiday season at prices that are ridiculously low. All the profit and then some more has been chopped off, and now is the time to buy beautiful useful presents at prices which no dealer in China would dream of selling for. We have thousands of different articles and can only quote a few here. Come and see.

56 doz Decorated China Plates, fine transparent china, with neat Haviland edge, decoration of small roses; both ten and dinner size, each.....	10c
70 doz. Cups and Saucers to match the above plates, English or Haviland shape cups. The cup and saucer.....	10c
17 doz. American China Salad Dishes, very pretty decorations, each.....	10c
13 doz Salad Dishes, one of the most beautiful decorations ever on the market, swell crimped shape, each.....	65c
Creamers or Sugar Bowls, each.....	10c
11 doz. Large Salad Dishes, with pretty floral decorations, each.....	20c
Hundreds and hundreds of other articles in China just as low in price.	

MECHANICAL TOYS

We have an enormous stock of Mechanical Toys on hand. We have cut the price to close them out.

The Baily Mite and all kinds of Mechanical Toys 25c for Walking Men, Frogs, Swift Automobiles and about 20 other Mechanical Novelties to be closed out. We have a large running board. Ask a clerk to wind them and demonstrate the way they work.

MILLINERY

REMEMBER!—We are closing out all our Millinery at half-price. Hats, Plumes, Fancy Feathers, Trimmings of all kinds at just half. This is your opportunity. Your loss if you neglect it.

SCHMITZ' New York Racket Store

JOCKEY BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Still a Few Left. This has been a great Christmas for 'Jockey Boots' for boys and girls. Never before has the sale on these boots been so great. They make one of the best Christmas gifts you can give your children.

Red and Tan Tops. They come in patent leather with red and tan tops, button and neatly to the knee. They have tassels on them also we show them in black button. They do away with the use of leggings and keep the children's feet warm.

We'll Have Enough for everybody. We bought heavy We run out last year. Want this year. Come in and see if your children won't be tickled half to death after Christmas morning.

C. W. DOWNS & CO.,
Connellsville's Leading High Grade Shoe Store

Christmas Buyers

Let us help you save money today in your purchases.

Men's Slippers, \$1.15 to \$2.00

Women's Slippers, \$1.00 to \$3.50

Children's Slippers, 75c to \$1.00

Plenty of High Top Shoes, Gum Boots, Felt Boots, Over Gaiters and Leggings.

We have enough to go around. Come in!

Norris & Hooper

104 W. Main St., Connelville, Pa.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

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Printing Office.

EIGHT DIE IN ILLINOIS MINE.

Light Carried by Party Ignites Gas In Worked Out Room.

MEN ARE INSTANTLY KILLED

Wild Scene When News Spread of Disaster, Hundreds of Men, Women and Boys Rushing to Pit—Could Not Be Driven Away.

Herrin, Ill., Dec. 24.—Eight men are known to have been instantly killed in mine A, nicknamed the Squirrel Ridge colliery, of the Chicago and Cartersville Coal company near here by a gas explosion which is believed to have been caused by mine surveyor W. T. Pierce and his party of helpers walking in a worked out room in the mine and igniting the gas in it by lamps they carried.

The Dead:
W. T. Pierce, civil engineer, aged thirty-two.
Eugene Barrett, eighteen, Pierce's helper.
Tom Williams, forty.
George Snyder, twenty.
Salvatore Greco, twenty-two.
Pietro Romeo, sixteen.
Unknown boy, who was helping Surveyor Pierce.
Thomas Harper, miner.

There was a wild scene when the news was spread that an explosion had occurred. Women and relatives of the three hundred men and boys employed in the mine made a wild rush to the mine mouth and could not be driven away until their relatives who survived were brought to the top.

James Guinney, superintendent of the mine and Robert Hueston, manager, headed the first relay of rescuers. Despite the blackdamp which flowed into the chambers adjoining those in which Pierce and his party were killed, these men went into the workings.

After sending to the surface three unconscious persons, the rescuers next found the bodies of Snyder, Greco and Romeo.

The efforts of the rescuers to penetrate more deeply into the workings were repulsed by increasing banks of afterdamp and they were forced to retreat, leaving the bodies of Pierce and his companions.

All efforts are being directed toward fighting the flames. Conditions are such that it is hoped they will be confined to the two entries affected by the explosion.

HEAVY FINES FOR GRAFTERS

Youngstown Men Must Pay Total of \$13,000.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 24.—The convicted grafters were sentenced by Judge Robinson of common pleas court each to pay \$500 and costs on each indictment and to remain in the custody of the sheriff until the fines and costs are paid. There are twenty-six indictments and \$13,000 in fines.

The men sentenced are W. H. Kalo of Berlin Center, North Newton of Boardman, J. C. Hann of Youngstown, W. W. Kelly of McKeesport, Pa.; V. Waldeck of Warren, O. C. Starr of Springfield, Samuel Brunstetter of West Austintown, Samuel Price of Youngstown and George Wetzel of Jackson. The men were road supervisors, contractors and commissioners. The grafting complained of was in county business.

ARRAIGNED FOR THIRD TIME

"Old Women of Mystery" Sent Back to Tomb.

New York, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin and Mrs. Mary W. Shaw indicted in New Jersey in connection with the death of Mrs. Martin's daughter, Mrs. Drew W. M. Spauld, who was drowned in the bathtub of her home in East Orange on Nov. 29, were arraigned for the third time in the center street court this morning. Certified copies of indictments found against them and Mrs. Virginia Wadlaw, another sister, who is under arrest in Newark, were presented to Magistrate Connell by Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Rice, acting in behalf of Prosecutor Mott of Essex county. N. J. The women were remanded to the Tombs.

WHIPPED AND TOLD TO LEAVE

Men of Petersburg, Ind., Switch Up-desirable Citizen.

Petersburg, Ind., Dec. 24.—Lafe Dodman, living near Winslow, eight miles south of here, was visited by a score of unknown men last night and called to the door. He was seized, taken a short distance and a severe beating with switches and fence pickets was given him.

He was badly beaten and in places on his back his flesh was lacerated for four or five inches where he was struck with the pickets. The men who whipped Dodman told him that he was an undesirable citizen and warned him to leave the place, as his presence was not desired.

Man Killed in Paper Mill Fire
Downtown Pa., Dec. 24.—One man was killed and several others injured in a fire which destroyed the large paper mill of S. N. Dilling.

BEFORE WIFE'S EYES

Moving Picture Operator Burns to Death in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—"Goodbye, sweet heart," was the agonized farewell of James W. Estep, also known as James W. Leroy, forty-one years old, a moving picture machine operator, to his child-wife, when he was caught helpless and quickly burned to death in a theater on Fifth avenue.

His wife gazed at him from the theater floor, unable to do anything while the flames writhed about him until he fell from her sight in a mass of burning film.

Mrs. Estep hurriedly made her escape, but immediately made attempt after attempt to re-enter the building, which by that time was fiercely burning. Strong hands held her back and prevented her sacrificing herself.

The operator was stationed in a small box-like affair on a loft in the rear. As the flames climbed the strip of film like a flash there was an explosion in the box. Instantly the entire interior was ablaze and Estep had no chance to escape, the only egress from his position being by a ladder through a two-foot square trap door.

NEW COAL COMPANY IN SOMERSET FIELD.

Property of the W. K. Niver Company Is Taken Over.

THE OLD CONCERN FAILED

Negotiated a Loan for a Million Dollars, Hard Times Came Along and Consent to Foreclosure Was Finally Given—Property Is Valuable.

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER.
SOMERSET, Dec. 24.—A new coal company to be known as the Brothers Valley Coal Company has been organized under the laws of New Jersey and has taken over the holdings of the W. K. Niver Coal Company, a concern which operated extensive fields of coal in Brothersvalley township but went into the hands of a receiver two years ago.

The principal stockholders in the new company are John D. McDonald and R. A. C. Smith of New York and William Berdan of Paterson, N. J. The land and holdings of the Niver Coal Company were purchased for \$200,000 and includes 140 tracts with a total acreage of 16,000 acres, in addition to a lot containing 24,000 square feet on Albany street, Boston, Mass., with an office building erected on it. This property alone is said to be worth \$50,000. The tipple, mine machinery and all the cars and other property of the defunct Niver company were also purchased by the new concern.

On November 1, 1901, the Niver Coal Company gave a mortgage on all their holdings to the Paterson, N. J., Safe Deposit Company, to secure an issue of bonds to the value of \$1,000,000. On May 24, 1907, a bill of complaint was filed in the United States Circuit Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania against the Niver Coal Company, setting forth that they had defaulted in their payments on this mortgage. The defendants consented to a foreclosure and on May 31, 1907, D. T. Price was appointed receiver and gave bond in \$50,000. On February 6, 1909, there was a decree handed down by the Circuit Court declaring this mortgage to be a lien on all property acquired by the Niver Coal Company, subsequent to its execution and also stating that by reason of the default in the payments of the mortgage all outstanding bonds and the interest on them became due. The bonds amounted to \$966,000 and the interest to \$162,746, in all \$1,128,746.

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It, which amount the Niver company was ordered to pay to the Paterson Safe Deposit Company, Trustee. The Niver company was unable to make this payment and at a sale on April 16, 1909, by D. T. Price, Receiver, the property was sold to John B. McDonald of New York, the highest bidder, for \$200,000. Mr. McDonald subsequently organized the Brothersvalley Coal Company.

The deeds conveying this property are beautifully prepared, and present an unusually attractive appearance for legal instruments. They contain each about 200 typewritten pages and the two deeds weigh in the neighborhood of five pounds. Records Notman E. Dorkey will receive a nice fee for placing on record these two bulky documents.

STRANGE CRAFT SEEN AGAIN

Tillinghast in His Aeroplane Sails Over Massachusetts Towns.
Boston, Dec. 24.—There is no longer any question about a mysterious ship making nocturnal trips around Massachusetts. Last night thousands of people in Worcester, Marlboro, Northboro and other towns in Worcester county saw the aerial craft speeding through the heavens with a powerful searchlight throwing a bright light ahead and with two red tail lamps glowing at the stern. In Worcester it is pretty nearly agreed that the ship is the one told about by Wallace E. Tillinghast some weeks ago.

The Worcester demonstration began early last evening when Christmas shoppers saw the strange craft sail over the city hall and proceed above the main thoroughfare. A short time afterward the operator began to cut great circles around the center of the city and then he headed west. He was missed for about half an hour, and during that time was evidently making a flight to Marlboro and return, for authentic reports from that city have identified the aeroplane.

FRISCO WILL GET BIG FIGHT

Promoter Gleason Makes Positive Announcement to This Effect.

New York, Dec. 24.—John J. Gleason, one of the promoters of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, has just made the unqualified statement that the pugilists will meet on California soil and that Colma will not be the place. Gleason declares that the ring will be pitched either inside of the city of San Francisco or just over the line.

"The fight will take place in or near Frisco," said Gleason, "and all this talk about Salt Lake is not stand for a big affair like this. California can be utilized without fear of the slightest kind of interference and that means everything to the fighters. Frisco wants the fight."

500 Miners Out of Work
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The supply shaft of the Capouse colliery of the Scranton Coal company was destroyed by fire and as a result more than 500 employees of the colliery are thrown out of employment.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

Butter—Prints, 38¢; tubs, 37¢; 37½, Pennsylvania and Ohio creamery, 37¢; 34.

Poultry (Live)—Cocks, 10, ducks, 14¢; turkeys 21¢; 22.

Eggs—Selected, 35¢; 36, at mark, 33.

Herr's Island Live Stock.

Cattle—The supply was light and market was slow. Choice, \$6.75; good, \$6.40; 65¢, fair, \$6.00; 60¢, fair, \$5.60; 55¢, common, \$5.20; 50¢, fair, \$4.80; 45¢, common, \$4.40; 40¢, fair, \$4.00; 35¢, common, \$3.60; 30¢, fair, \$3.20; 25¢, common, \$2.80; 20¢, fair, \$2.40; 15¢, common, \$2.00; 10¢, fair, \$1.60; 5¢, common, \$1.20.

Sheep and Lambs—Supply light, market slow with prices weak. Prime wethers, \$5.25; 50¢, good mixed, \$4.75; 45¢, fair mixed and wethers, \$4.25; 40¢, culls and common, \$3.75; 35¢, lamb, \$5.00; 30¢, yearlings, \$4.50; 25¢, good calves, \$3.75; heavy and thin calves, \$3.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 15 double decks; market fairly active.

SCHLEY STIRS UP FIERCE STORM

By Proposal to Have Peary's Data Go to Denmark.

SCIENTISTS DEMOUNCE PLAN

Geographic Society Members Say Verification of Peary's Records Is Not Needed—Quite Able Themselves to Pass on Data.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Commander Peary submit his polar data to the consistory of the University of Copenhagen for verification following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook, has raised a storm among the membership of the National Geographic society, which gave Peary a clean bill of health.

The leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seems to be no disposition to withhold from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

The argument advanced by Admiral Schley that such examination would remove all questions of doubt from the claim of Peary is accepted as rather gratuitous. The records of Peary have been found unimpeachable by American scientists, and, therefore, the question is not whether Peary is right but whether the scientists are wrong.

Danes' Findings On the Way.
According to a cablegram received by Professor J. H. Gore of the Geographic society the formal report of the university in Dr. Cook's case is on its way to Washington. The findings of the Danish university will be regarded by the special subcommittee of the society, consisting of Professor Gore, Rear Admiral J. S. Pillsbury and C. Willard Hayes, merely as an interesting document and will, it was said, have no weight whatever in the determination of the society's own findings.

Commander Peary returned to Washington from New York. He refused to say whether he would transmit his records to the University of Copenhagen.

Read the advertisements carefully.

FAYETTE COUNTY COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded.

T. A. Gutter and wife to O. T. Reynolds for ten acres in Dunbar township \$1.15, December 13, 1909.
David L. Bane, trustee, to Ash F. Williams for half acre in North Union township, \$500, December 20, 1909.

Union Cemetery of Fayette county to Mrs. Lavinia H. Brown, for lot in South Union township, \$300, January 17, 1908.

John Hufley and wife to Fayette City Real Estate & Improvement Company for lot in Fayette City, \$1,000 November 29, 1909.

Fayette City Real Estate & Improvement Company to G. P. Long, for lot in Washington township, \$150, June 9, 1908.

Ernest Land Company to Sophia Bruff for two lots in Jefferson township, \$289, December 14, 1907.

Charles W. Maak to Katherine A. Zeller for lot in Dunbar township, \$775, October 17, 1908.

L. L. Johnson and wife to Daniel T. Johnson for land in New Salem, \$900, December 20, 1909.

D. T. Snyder and wife to Daniel T. Snyder for land in Portersville, \$1,450, December 13, 1909.

Connellsville Steam Laundry Company to T. O. Goodwin, for land in Connelville, \$1,770, December 1, 1907.

Steve Frankensky to James Ash, for land in Connelville, \$975, December 20, 1909.

Marriage Licenses.

James Huntley of Gains, and Sarah C. Dancy of Cheat River, to be married by William O. Harper of Smoot and Louella, child of Portersville.

L. L. L. Lings of Connelville, and M. T. Luster of Somerset.

Stephen Gadoles and Lizzie Miller both of Vance Mills.

Sylvester Maryman and Grace Clark both of Nicholson township.

Joseph Murphy of Ralph, and Jennie Whitaker of Brans.

John Planch, Kennedy and Florence Cole, both of Dunbar.

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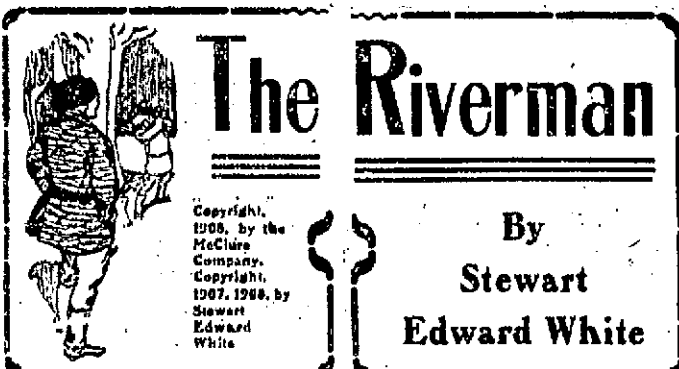
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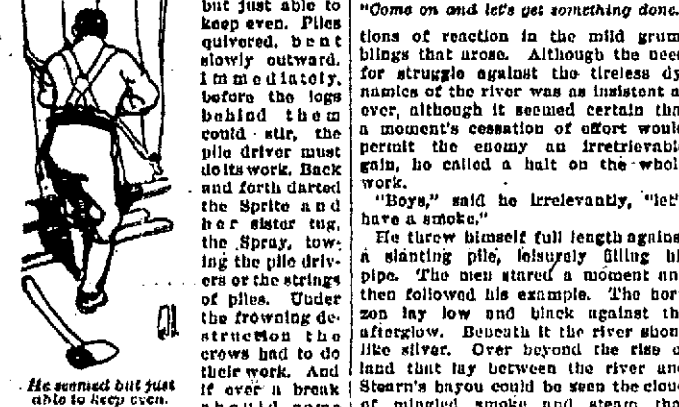
Tom North and some others of the crew camp running across the jam. "Get a cable to the winch!" Orde shouted at these as soon as they were within hearing. "And get Shamp up here with the sprits. We've got to get about."

He paid no more attention to the ejected crew. A few minutes' hard work put the driver about. Fortunately its raft of piles had not become detached in the upheaval.

"Tom," said Orde briefly to North, "you know the pile driving business. Pick out your crew and take charge."

Orde took charge of the situation in its entirety, as a general might. He set North immediately to driving clumps each of sixteen piles, bound to solidity by chains, and so arranged in angles and slants as to direct the enormous pressure toward either bank, thus splitting the enemy's power. The small driver owned by the Boom company drove similar clumps here, there and everywhere that need arose or weakness developed. Seventy-five men opposed to the weight of 20,000,000 tons of logs and a river of water the expedients invented by determination and desperation.

Orde gave over formal defenses and threw his energies to saving the weak places which rapidly developed. By the most strenuous exertions he seemed but just able to keep even. Piles quivered, bent slowly outward, immediately before the logs behind them could stir, the pile driver must do his work. Back and forth darted the sprits and the driver's tug, the spray, towing the pile drivers or the strings of piles. Under the growing darkness the crews had to do their work. And if ever a break should come there would be no escape. Crushed and buried, the men would be borne to an unknown grave in the lake. Every man knew it. Darkness came. No one stopped for food.



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Morning found no change in the situation. The water rose steadily. The logs grew more and more restive; the defenses weaker and more inadequate.



ALL that day and the next night the fight was hard to hand without the opportunity of a breathing space. Their Orde bareheaded and disheveled, struggling with exhaustion, began to be harassed by annoyances. The pile gave out. Newman left, ostensibly to purchase more. He did not return. Tom North and Jim Denning, their eyes burning deep in their heads for lack of sleep, came to Orde, holding to him symbolically their empty hands.

"No more piles," they said briefly. "Get 'em," said Orde with equal brevity. "Newmark will have enough here shortly. In the meantime get them."

North and his friend disappeared, taking with them the crews of the drivers and the two tugs. After an interval they returned towing small rafts of the long timbers. Orde did not make any inquiries, nor until days later did he see a copy of the newspaper telling how a lawless gang of rivermen had driven away the railroad men and stolen the railroad's property.

Orde was everywhere. Miles and miles he traveled, running along the tops of the booms, over the surface of the jam, spying the weakening places and hurrying to them a rescue.

Toward noon the piles gave out again. "Where is he—Newmark?" exploded Orde. He sent North and a crew of men to cut piles from standing timber in farm wood lots near the river.

"If the owners object stand them off with your pistols!"

Down river the various mill owners were busy with what men they had left in straggling defenses across the river in case Orde's works should go out. When Orde heard this he swore vigorously.

"Crazy fools!" he spat out. "They'd be a lot better off helping here. If this goes out their little booms won't amount to a whiff of wind."

He sent word to that effect; but, lacking the enforcement of his personal presence, his messages did not carry conviction, and the male strikers owners continued to labor, each according to his ideas. However, Welton

Gossip of the Green Room.



The Darlings in Said Pasha at the Soisson Christmas Matinee and Night.

THE SOISSON.

"Said Pasha" Tomorrow. Every lover of music will have an opportunity of hearing what is said to be the gem of all comic opera scores. "Said Pasha" at the Soisson theatre tomorrow matinee and night. Messrs. Scott Marble and Richard Stahl are accountable for the music whose melodies swept over the country many years ago and never has yet been equaled. A record breaking attendance ought to greet this production on this holiday as it is considered to be one of the best theatrical days on the calendar aside from the popularity of this opera amongst music lovers occurring at a time when every one can attend. The matinee performance will start at 2:45 and promptly at 8:30 at night.

Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival. Comparatively few people can afford the luxury of traveling abroad, but everybody can enjoy the delights of travel and without any of its many discomforts by traveling via Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival in the Soisson theatre, Monday, Dec. 27. In his new program Mr. Howe will escort his travelers to the Montreal Ice Palace and winter carnival, then through the scenic grandeur of the Rockies in winter into the heart of the great Canadian wilderness where the severe life of the lumber camp is shown. By taking them to the fighting top of a battlefield he promises everyone an experience which can happen to few. For a rule, the middle is rightly excluded there. The stirring and striking scenes on deck below impart a new sensation. In fact the entire program is extremely diverting and delightful, ranging from the sublimely beautiful



THE NORTH POLE AT LAST! LYMAN H. HOWE'S TRAVEL FESTIVAL

ed. Every man knew that already.

Tom North ordered a pile placed in the carriage. The hammer descended. The work went forward as rapidly as possible. Four times the jam struggled and settled, but four times it paused on the brink of discharge. Drives of the clumps had been placed and bound, and fifteen piles of the last clump had been driven.

"One more pile!" breathed Orde. The hammer ran smoothly to the top and fell. A half dozen times more it tipped. Then heavy chains were thrown around the winch, and the steam power began to draw the clumps together.

"Done!" cried Tom North. North unmoored, and the driver dropped back with the current. The tug churned forward to accomplish the last duty of binding the defenses together by means of chains and cables. Two men leaped to the floating booms. Orde and the Rough Red set about the task. They worked from either end toward the middle. When they met Orde ordered "Red about the tug."

"Tug this one, Jimmy," said he. "About the tug all was done preparation. In the engine room Harvey, his hand on the throttle, stood ready to throw her wide open at the signal. Armed with sharp axes, two men prepared to cut the mooring lines on a sign from the Rough Red. They watched their upraised hands. When it should descend, their axes must fall.

Orde folded a knot. Upstream the jam settled deliberately forward, cutting a clump of piles like straw. "She's coming!" cried the Rough Red. "Give me, every second you can," said Orde, making the last turns. The mass toppled slowly, fell into the swift current and leaped with a roar.

"Jump!" the Rough Red cried, and his arms descended. Orde leaped blindly for the call, where he was seized and dragged aboard by the Rough Red. The axes fell. Marsh whistled over the wheel. Harvey threw open his throttle. The tug spring from his launch like a bomb. And behind the barrier the logs, tossing and tumbling, the white spray flying before their onslaught, bent in vain against the barrier, like raging wild beasts whose prey has escaped.

He shook his fist against the menacing logs. He apostrophized the river, the

high water, the jam, the deserters, Newmark and his illness, ending in a general anathema against any and all streams, logs and floods.

"Well," said Tom North, "he's good and mad this time."

At the dredged channel Orde saw the rivermen standing idle and half blind with anger, he burst upon them. Then he stopped short and stared. Square across the dredged channel and completely blocking it lay a single span of an iron bridge. Behind it the logs had, of course, piled up in a jam, which dammed back the water.

"Where is he—did that drop from?" cried Orde.

"Come down on top the jam," explained a riverman. Orde, suddenly fallen into a cold rage, stared at the obstruction, both fists clinched at his side. "That about settles it," said Welton. "Settle!" cried Orde. "I should think not!" Welton smiled quaintly. "Don't you know when you're licked?"

"Licked, h—!" said Orde. "We've just begun to fight."

"What can you do?"

"I'll blow her up with powder."

"Ever try to blow up iron?"

"There must be some way."

"Oh, there is," replied Welton, "of course—take her apart bolt by bolt and nut by nut."

"Send for the wrenches, then!" snapped Orde.

"But it would take days. It would be too late. It would do no good."

"Perhaps not," interrupted Orde, "but it will be doing something, anyway. Look here, Welton, are you game? If you'll get that bridge out in two days I'll hold the jam."

"You can't hold that jam two hours."

"That's my business. Will you send for lanterns and wrenches and keep this crew working?"

"I will," said Welton.

During the next two days the old scenes were all relived, with back of them the weight of the struggle that had gone before. Pines belonging to divers and protesting owners were felled and sharpened. Even the inviolate government supply was commandeered.

Then all at once, as though a faucet had been turned off, the floods slackened.

"They've opened the channel," said Orde daily. His voice sounded to himself very far away. He felt himself moving in strange and distorted surroundings. He heard himself repeat:

"Oh, I ain't backing out!"

ing to each of a number of wavering, phantasmic figures the talismanic words that had accomplished the dissolution of the earth for himself. "They've opened the channel." At last he felt hard planks beneath his feet, and, shaking his head with an effort, he made out the pilchouse of the Sprits and a hollow-eyed man leaning against it. "They've opened the channel, Alursh," he repeated. "I guess that'll be all." Then quite slowly he sank to the deck, sound asleep.

When Newmark left, in the early stages of the jam, he gave scant thought to the errand on which he had ostensibly departed. Whether or not Orde got a supply of piles was to him a matter of indifference. His hope, or, rather, preference, was that the jam should go out, but he saw clearly that Orde, blinded by the swift action of the struggle, was as yet unable to perceive. Even should the riverman succeed in stopping the jam the extraordinary expenses incidental to the defense and to the subsequent salvaging, untangling and sorting would more than eat up the profits of the drive. Orde would then be forced to ask for an extension of time on his notes.

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